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THE FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (BUNDESANSTALT FUER ARBEIT) RELEASED FIGURES SHOWING THAT THE UNUSUALLY HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT OF LAST WINTER IS DECLINING MORE SLOWLY THAN EXPECTED. IN APRIL 517,000 WORKERS, 2.4 PER CENT OF THE LABOR FORCE, WERE UNEMPLOYED. THIS IS AN IMPROVEMENT OVER MARCH WHEN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE WAS 2.7 PER CENT, BUT IT IS STILL 115 PER CENT HIGHER THAN A YEAR AGO. THOSE OUT OF WORK INCLUDE 63,000 FOREIGN WORKERS WHO ARE EXPERIENCING AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF 2.6 PER CENT. HARDEST HIT ARE THE METAL AND BUILDING INDUSTRIES WITH 69,100 AND 64,900 UNEMPLOYED RESPECTIVELY. THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED ALSO CONTINUES TO EXCEED THE NUMBER OF JOB OPENINGS, REGISTERED AT 362,000.

COMMENT: THE PRESIDENT OF THE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE CONTINUES TO BLAME THE RELATIVELY HIGH LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT ON "CYCLICAL FACTORS". ALTHOUGH JOBLESSNESS CONTINUES TO REMAIN HIGH, BY GERMAN STANDARDS, IT IS NOT A POLITICAL ISSUE. IT DOES MEAN HOWEVER THAT THERE IS EVEN LESS CHANCE THE GERMANS WILL LIFT THE BAN ON THE RECRUITMENT OF WORKERS FROM OUTSIDE THE E.C.

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